

January 8, 2026

Dear Members,

Enclosed is the BCCA Board of Directors nominations package, which includes an overview of BCCA, Director qualifications and expectations, a list of current Board members and staff, and the required nomination forms.

BCCA is seeking candidates for three Board seats (three-year terms). We encourage nominations from individuals with experience in Strategy Development, Finance and Accounting, Government Relations, Change Management, or Legal.

Please note:

- An information session will be scheduled for sometime in April
- Nominations for the 2026 election will close in the third week of April (late submissions will not be accepted).
- The election will take place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- There will be a mandatory Board Orientation for all new directors in the weeks following the AGM.
- We will email all candidates who have submitted with schedule updates.

Nomination Requirements:

- Brief bio and candidate statement (max 250 words) on your interest and qualifications (to be shared with AGM voting delegates)
- Summary of relevant skills and experience
- Signed Nominations Form from their member-co-op official delegate, and Candidate Consent Form (below)

For further information, please contact us at nominations@bccca.coop.

Regards,

BCCA Nominations Committee

About BCCA

Incorporated in 2003, the British Columbia Co-operative Association (BCCA) is a community service (not-for-profit) co-operative dedicated to uniting and empowering co-operatives across BC. As the province's primary voice for the cooperative sector, BCCA represents a diverse membership of cooperatives and credit unions of all sizes.

Our purpose, vision, and mission are core principles that define why we exist, what we aim to achieve, and how we will get there. These statements affirm our commitment to the co-op sector, empowering members, fostering collaboration, and elevating the profile of the co-operative model.

Purpose: *To unite and empower co-operatives to thrive in British Columbia.*

This reflects our commitment to fostering collaboration, supporting our members, and driving systemic change that benefits communities across British Columbia.

Vision: *To make co-ops the first choice for building vibrant communities in British Columbia.*

Our vision is a future where co-operatives are recognized as the leading model for creating inclusive, sustainable, and resilient communities.

Mission: *We strengthen BC's co-op sector by strengthening capacity, fostering partnerships, advocating for supportive policies, and raising awareness of the sector's transformative impact.*

This mission drives our efforts to empower co-operatives, strengthen the co-operative ecosystem, and champion the impact of the co-operative model across British Columbia.

These guiding statements inspire our work and reinforce our dedication to a thriving, connected, and impactful co-operative sector across British Columbia.

Requirements, Responsibilities & Information for Directors

Authority & Responsibility

The Board of Directors is the legal authority for the British Columbia Co-operative Association. As members of the Board, Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to the organization and are accountable to its members. The Directors set strategic direction and are responsible for ensuring best governance practices and oversight for BCCA's management and programs.

Qualifications

Directors must currently be employed by, serve on the board of, or be longstanding members of a BCCA member co-op or credit union. Nominations must come from the named delegate of the co-operative or credit union that they will represent. Preferred experience includes strategy development, finance and accounting, government relations, change management, and legal expertise.

Term

Directors are elected at the Annual General Meeting for a two-year term. Terms are staggered such that the Board will always have some continuing Directors.

Tasks and Duties

Directors must agree to:

- Attend virtual Board meetings (quarterly or bi-monthly).
- Serve on at least one BCCA Board Committee.
- Prepare for and actively participate in Board discussions.
- Attend the Annual General Meeting.
- Help set BCCA's strategic goals and priorities.
- Regularly review BCCA's programs and services for effectiveness.
- Conduct the Executive Director's annual performance review.
- Promote BCCA's services and programs through events and networking.

Governance Principles

Directors must agree to :

- Govern BCCA according to policy and rules established by its members.
- Uphold BCCA's Purpose, Vision & Mission.
- Disclose any conflicts of interest.
- Recommend policy and rule revisions as needed.
- Act honestly, in good faith, and in BCCA's best interests.
- Maintain confidentiality on all BCCA-related matters.
- Exercise due care, diligence, and sound judgment.

2025-2026 Board & Staff

Directors

Chair - Kirsten Forsch
The Co-operators

Vice-Chair - Susanna Collins
GIA Worker Co-op

Treasurer - Olivia Champagne
New Roots Worker Co-operative

Director - Jarrett Hagglund
CHF BC

Director - Jane Hope
Modo Co-operative

Director - Samatha Lee
Realize Solutions

Director - Jack Nicholson
Otter Co-op

Director - Maureen Young
Coast Capital

Director - Priti Tahilramani
Vancity

Director - Shawn Bryant
Yeomen Tree Service Co-operative

Staff

Executive Director
Tara Chernoff

**Community Engagement &
Education Manager**
Madelyn Read

**Marketing & Membership
Manager** Aaron Rideout

CANDIDATE'S NOMINATION, DECLARATION, AND CONSENT

Official Nomination For BCCA Board Of Directors

I, the named Delegate of _____, do hereby nominate
(Name of BCCA Member Organization)

_____ for the position of Director of BCCA for a
(First and Last Name of Candidate from same Member Organization)

two-year term beginning June 4, 2026.

Name of Delegate: _____
(First and Last Name of Delegate of Member Organization)

Title of Delegate: _____

Email Address of Delegate: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Organization's Head Office Address:

Please ensure the Candidate completes the Declaration and Consent section of this nomination form below.

Candidate's Declaration and Consent

I, _____, declare that I am a candidate for the position of
(Name of Candidate)
BCCA Board Director, and consent to serve in that position if elected. I am a Board Director,
officer, member or employee of _____. I am at least
(Name of Co-op)
eighteen (18) years of age, have not been found by a court to be incapable of managing my
own affairs, and am not an undischarged bankrupt. I am not in arrears to my co-operative.

Witness Signature: _____

Candidate Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Submit your nomination and declaration form to BCCA by email at nominations@bccca.coop or by mail to 910-1050 W Pender Street, Vancouver, BC V6E 3S7, by **noon on April 23, 2026**. Your submission **must** include your bio and candidate statement (max 250 words) and a summary of your skills and experience.